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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-14 and insert new claims 15-24, a clean copy of which is attached hereto, in their place.

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action, Applicant has canceled claims 7-14 and substituted claims 15-24 therefor. The new claims are believed to overcome the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and particularly point out and distinctly claim the process of the present invention.

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